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SUBJ: PROGRESS OF CHEVRON DRILLING OPERATIONS

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1. REFTEL REPORTED VISIT BY THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BERGUS TO CHEVRON'S SECOND WILDCAT WELL "UNITY" IN UPPER NILE PROVINCE NEAR BENTIU. DURING VISIT, CHEVRON OFFICIALS WERE GUARDED IN COMMENTS ABOUT GEOLOGICAL FINDINGS FROM WELL. FROM SUDANESE GOVERNMENT SOURCES WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT PROGRESS ON WELL AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM CHEVRON OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, WE STRESS THAT PRIMARY INFORMATION IS FROM NON-COMPANY SOURCES.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THERE FOUR OIL SHOWS EACH WITH C 1/THROUGH C4 GASES BETWEEN 6,700 FEET AND 8,700 FEET. ALSO, ONE ZONE OF "YELLOW-SEEP" WAS DISCOVERED. SUDANESE OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED. HOWEVER,
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CHEVRON OFFICIALS CAUTION THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE AN EVALUATION. DRILLING IS CONTINUING.
3. IN RECENT CABLE FROM DEPARTMENT (CU/NEA) MENTION WAS MADE OF STATEMENT BY SHELL OFFICIAL IN HOUSTON TO VISITING ARAB JOURNALISTS REGARDING SHELL EXPLORATION ACTIVITY IN SUDAN. NEITHER LOCAL SHELL NOR CHEVRON PERSONNEL KNOW OF ANY SUCH ACTIVITY. WE THEREFORE ASSUME REPORT WAS IN ERROR. HOWEVER, IF

DEPARTMENT COULD CONFIRM FROM SHELL HOUSTON THAT INDEED COMPANY
HAS PLANS TO EXPLORE FOR OIL IN SUDAN, WE WOULD BE VERY
INTERESTED.
BERGUS

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